

ENGLISH 502: INDEPENDENT STUDY FOR DOCTORAL QUALIFICATION

[To be completed and approved in the semester prior to that in which the course is taken.]

In ENGLISH 502, students prepare for the PhD Examination and write a draft of their dissertation proposals. This has been the required content of the course since 2001.

ENGLISH 502 explicitly couples the drafting of a prospectus—and thus the earliest stages of dissertation research, the formation of a core bibliography, and the definition of the project itself—with the student’s preparation for the PhD Qualifying Exam. The main function of the instructor is to advise the student in his or her drafting of the dissertation proposal. No special supervisory duties respecting exam preparation are intended.

Please see the Department’s document “Dissertation Proposals” for guidelines and expectations regarding the prospectus.

ENGLISH 502 is graded on a *Credit/No-credit* basis. Grades of *Incomplete* are possible but may not be carried for longer than one year.

Student _____ Term and year _____

Instructor _____ Intended date of PhD exam _____

Area of focus for dissertation _____

Selected bibliography of readings (critical or theoretical works as well as literary texts):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Instructor’s signature _____ Date _____

GPD’s signature _____ Date _____